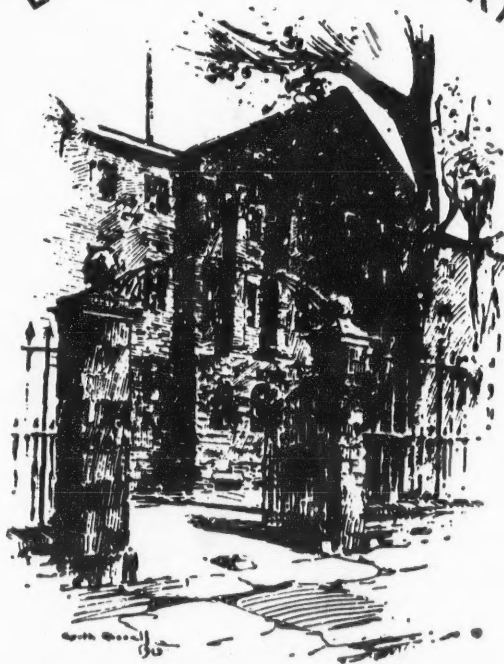


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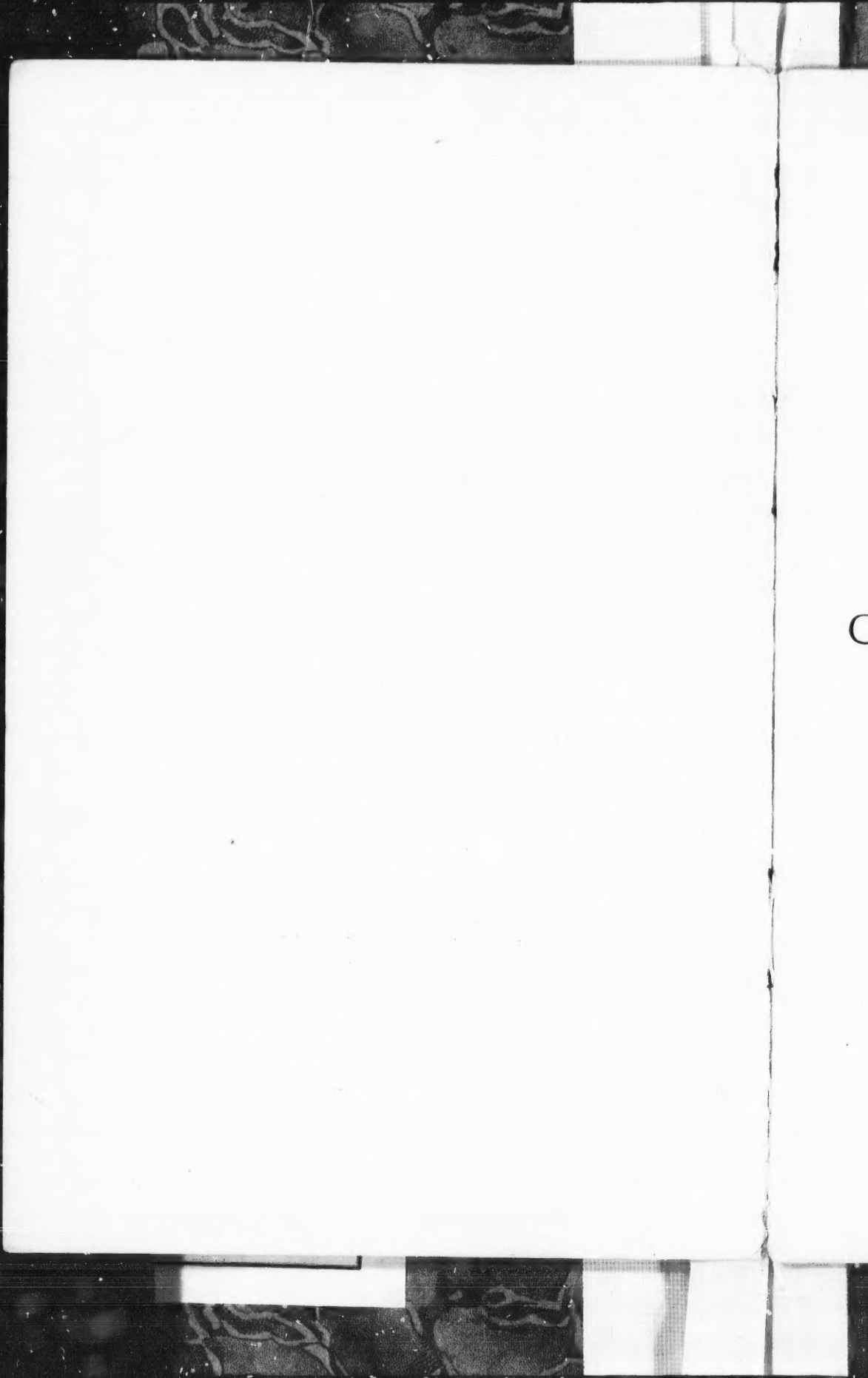
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CITY OF HALIFAX.

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Our drives are many and of great variety, entwining through wooded parks, dotted with lakes and ponds.

Halifax being the Winter Port of Canada and the Naval Station of the British North Atlantic and West India Fleet has, through the summer months, more or less of Her Majesty's Navy stationed in its Harbour. The ships are open to the public daily.

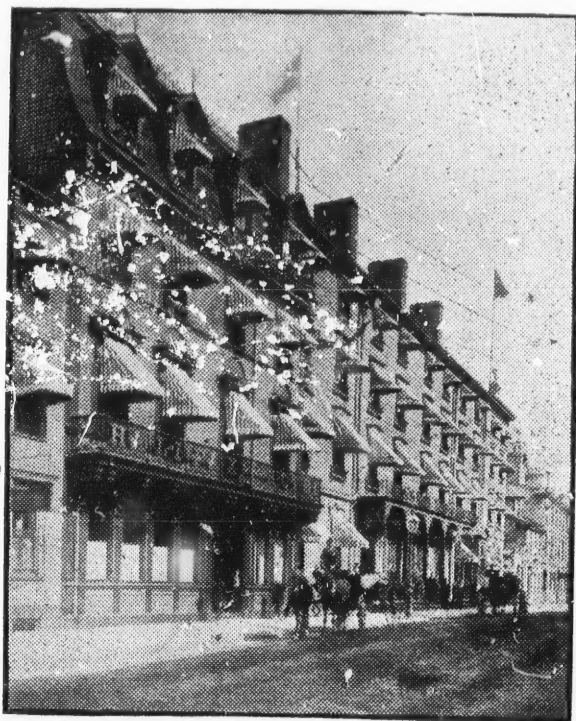
It is also the Military Station where a large garrison of Troops are constantly quartered, who assist in sports of all kinds making the attractions of Halifax so much greater than any other town of its size in the Dominion for pleasure seekers.

Halifax being one of the oldest towns in Canada gives ample material for Historians, Antiquarians, and lovers of rural oddities.

The people of Massachusetts initiated the movement which led to the settlement of Halifax in 1749. Residents of Massachusetts called the attention of the British Government to the encroachments and menaces of the French in Nova Scotia; also pointing out the great commercial advantages which would inevitably flow to the parent country by the establishment of a permanent British settlement and Military Station in Chebucto Bay (which is Halifax Harbour).

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As a result of the shrewd representations of the Massachusetts people, the government gave inducement to the people to emigrate, offering them free passage and large grants of land with supplies for one year; also arms and ammunition to fight against the French and Indians (the Micmac Tribe of which a few still reside among us). Halifax derived its name from Lord George Montague, Earl of Halifax, who was the head of the Lords of Trade at that time.



HALIFAX HOTEL.

The Halifax Hotel

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finest and the attention to guests is a particular feature. Among its attractions for guests are the Roof Garden, the large and well filled Conservatory, the open air promenade, with a magnificent view of the Harbour and its entrance, and its observatory which commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

The hotel is provided with handsome and spacious reading and writing rooms well supplied with the latest periodicals, furnished with a view to provide that homelike feeling which is so necessary to the travelling public.

Every room is provided with electric light, electric bells, etc. The latest improvements for the comfort of their guests is the main object of the proprietors. Therefore they feel confident that those who honor them with their patronage will receive every attention and their visit will be one of great satisfaction.

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ROAD IN PARK.

Before mentioning the City's attractions we wish to lay before you the drives which are many and very beautiful.

1st. Through Point Pleasant Park and the suburbs of the City, which will give you a full view of the entrance of the Harbor, a panorama view of McNab's and George's Islands, Eastern Passage, York Redoubt and the entrance to the beautiful North West Arm, passing many interesting points, fortifications and delightful scenery. Two or three pleasant hours may thus be spent.

2nd. Dutch Village drive showing the extent of the Citadel, Public Gardens, Wanderer's and Military Athletic Grounds, Camp Hill and the Common where the Military parade and have their drilling and sham fighting. Skirting the head of the Arm a magnificent view can be obtained of Melville Island where the Military Prison is situated, thence through Dutch Village to Bedford Basin, which is sufficiently large to accommodate the Navies of the world. The return may be made by either of two roads, one passing some of our large factories, the other through Africville, a small village settled by Negroes, having no special avocation. This drive will take about two or three hours.

3rd. Bedford, a village nine miles from Halifax, one of our most popular drives, pass the Military Church, Hospital and Barracks to Bedford Basin skirting its shores to Rockingham, thence to Bedford, which is one of our prettiest summer resorts. Boating, fishing, bathing, etc. can be had at all times through the summer. Our extensive Fish Hatchery, where millions of Salmon are yearly taken, is situated at the head of the basin.

4th. Cow Bay, a distance of seven miles from Halifax, where is situated one of the finest beaches for surf-bathing in Canada, is one of the greatest attractions for our tourists. The drive running along the shore of the Eastern Passage gives a panorama view of McNab's and Lawlor's Islands, upon which our Quarantine Station is placed. It also passes some of our Gold Mines which are now being developed, giving tourists a very good idea of how gold is extracted from the leads.

5th. The drive to Waverley, about twelve miles from the city cannot be surpassed in any part of America. It borders the chain of Lakes in Dartmouth through delightful wooded spots and openings, running by the Wallace Canal to Waverley where one of the largest Gold Mines is at present being operated, which is well worthy of a visit as the mine is tunneled through a mountain several hundred feet. A walk through this tunnel will give a visitor an idea of the immensity of these works. Waverley has several Gold Mines and was one of the first districts from which gold was taken in large quantities. Parties may return by the same road or round by Bedford which makes a complete circle round the immense basin.

6th. The Dingle, a short and pleasant drive taking about two or three hours, gives an idea of the beautiful and shady picnic spots we have surrounding our City; it also gives a magnificent view of the Arm passing Melville Island and our most palatial private residences which skirt the eastern shore. Nature has done so much for this spot that it is impossible to describe its many beauties and must be seen to be appreciated.

The above drives are mentioned, they being the most popular, but there are many others among which may be mentioned the drive to Montague Mines, seven miles from Halifax, where hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of gold have been taken out of the ground; also the drives to Preston, Chezettcook and Musquodoboit where several other Gold Mines are being worked.

We have also excursion boats plying our Harbour daily giving strangers an opportunity of seeing the many points of interest, such as fortifications, private residences and beautiful retreats for private picnics of which strangers can avail themselves while in Halifax.

Our Military Parade, also our Naval manœuvres which occur very frequently in Halifax are a great attraction. Golf Links are open to strangers, also Tennis Courts, Quoit Grounds, Bowling Greens, Cycling, the Military and Civilian Athletic Grounds, of which there are quite a number. Through the Summer months many strongly contested matches come off making it very interesting for spectators.

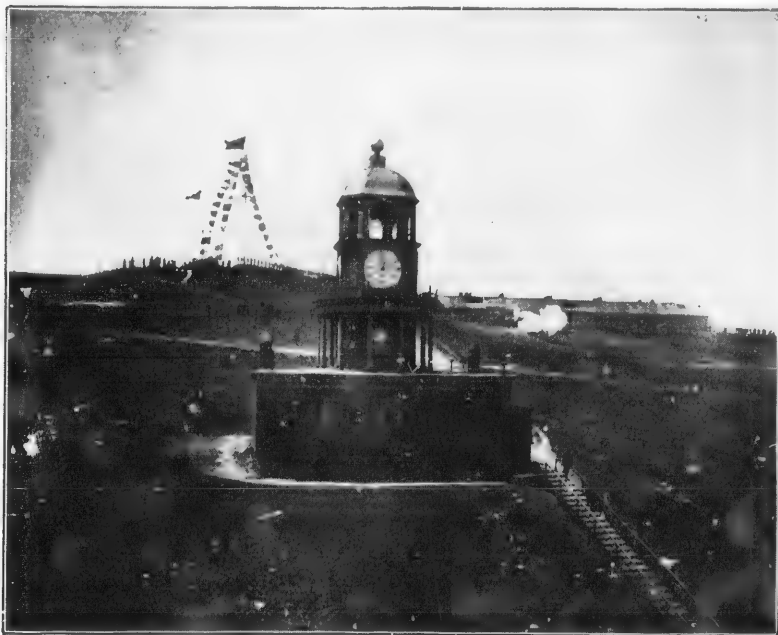
Arm, North West

A beautiful neck of water, surrounded by hills and magnificent scenery. A delightful spot for boating, fishing, bathing, etc. A scene of Switzerland in Canada. Many private residences skirt the shores. On this Arm is Melville Island on which is situated the Military Prison. Salt water open air bathing establishments, maintained by the City, are situated on this Arm. Portions of each day are reserved for ladies and children and very many take advantage of the opportunity offered them for open air bathing. On the east side of this Arm is situated Point Pleasant Park.

Bathing in Halifax is a great feature both with ladies and gentlemen and no finer place can be produced whereby people can learn the art of out-door swimming in salt water, an accomplishment which is so necessary both for health and very often the saving of life. The City has provided establishments whereby this art can be learned either under cover or in the open. Spacious dressing-rooms, towels, and costumes provided. The beach is beautifully sanded and protecting booms, ropes life preservers, etc. being provided for the safety and comfort of its patrons.

Blind Institution

This institution is one of the finest in America and one that Halifax may well be proud of. It is supported largely by Government Grants, private legacies and private subscriptions. In connection with the pupils general education music is taught in all its branches. Many trades are taught the young men so that when a pupil leaves the Institution as well as having a good education he has also the means of making a very respectable livelihood. The girls department is also well looked after as the Institution takes great care in teaching them fancy work as well as plain sewing. Principal Fraser has through his energy brought the education of the blind to such a high standard that the Institution has become very valuable to the community.



OLD TOWN CLOCK-CITIDEL.

Citadel

The Citadel, a commanding Fort in the centre of the City is the highest projecting point where a view of the whole City, the magnificent Harbour and its entrance, skirted with islands, shoals and light-houses can be seen, making a perfect panoramic scene of unusual beauty. The Citadel is open to the public and many visitors avail themselves of this privilege as a Tommy Atkins will act as their guide and take perfect delight in explaining the ancient land-marks and construction of this massive piece of architecture. Our Signal and Storm Stations are also placed upon this Citadel which is plainly visible from any portion of the city.

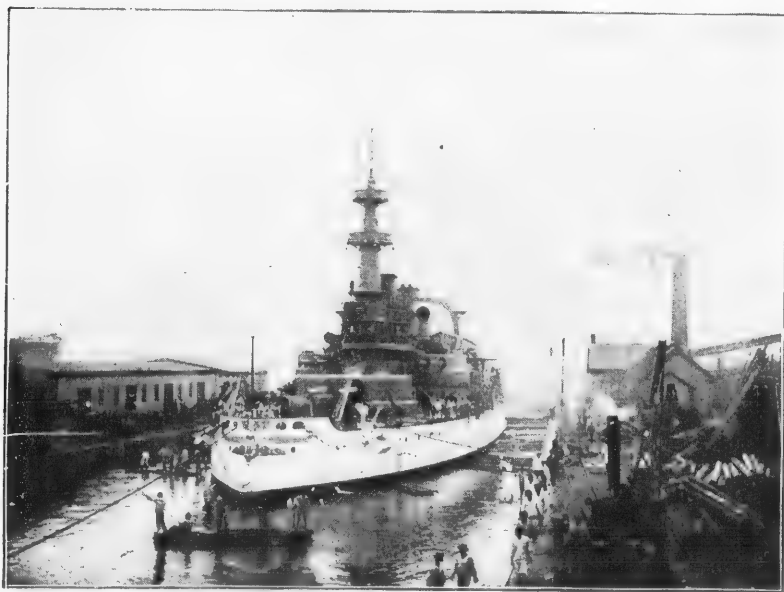
Cow Bay

A famous Watering-place about seven miles from Halifax has a beach over one mile and a half long and is unsurpassed for surf-bathing on this side of the Atlantic. The surf at times rolling to the height of five or six feet. Tourists should never miss the opportunity of taking advantage of this most attractive spot.

Chain of Lakes from which the city supply of water comes is situated about three miles west of the city at a height of over five hundred feet making in itself a perfect reservoir. This drive is considered very beautiful as it skirts around the head of the North West Arm giving strangers a very good idea of the Suburbs of Halifax.

Chain Rock

Is one of the many curios which Halifax has for entertaining its visitors. This rock was the support of a barrier chain extending across the North West Arm to prevent Foreign ships entering. A fort on the shore above the rock was used to destroy the ships as the chain held them in abeyance. The old staple and bolts remain in the rock up to the present day. The chain was supposed to have been placed there in 1758, being one of the early acts of Parliament which was the first year of a Representative government in Halifax. This stone is very near one of the open air bathing establishments.



DRY DOCK.

Dry Dock

The largest on the American Continent and the only one this side of the Atlantic capable of receiving the largest ship afloat. The pumps have a capacity of forty-five thousand gallons a minute and the Dock containing seven million gallons can be emptied in three hours.

Dingle

Was once the Home and is still owned by Sir Sanford Fleming, K. C. B. but is open to the public who daily take advantage of its many pretty picnic spots. On its heights summer observatories have been constructed commanding some of the finest views in America.

Deep Water Terminus

The Dominion Government have placed in Halifax the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway, erected grain elevator and several large loading piers; which have every facility and the latest improvements for the discharging and loading of a number of Ocean Steamers at the same time making Halifax the Winter Port of the Dominion of Canada.

Dutch Church

A quaint old land-mark was built in 1755 by private subscriptions and Government grants for the Lutheran congregation who came to Halifax in 1752. The steeple was added to the Church in 1760, the Church was consecrated in 1761 by the Rev. Braynton. The grounds adjoining were used by the early German Settlers as a Cemetery. This land-mark remains to-day the same as when built.

Dock Yard

Her Majesty's Dock Yard is the head quarters for all stores, ammunition and offices in connection with the British North Atlantic Navy. Halifax being their principal station many ships of War during the Summer are stationed here and open to the public daily making a very interesting sight for strangers visiting our City. An escort is commissioned to show visitors through the ships and give all information required.

Eastern Passage

An inlet from the Atlantic alongside of the principal entrance to the Harbour forms part of the route taken by our Excursion Steamers, daily giving visitors a very good idea of the many beautiful sails surrounding our City.

Garrison Chapel

Strangers should never leave Halifax without witnessing our Military Parade for Church Service Sunday morning. It is one of our principal features as a Garrison Town and often witnessed by thousands.



Green Bank

One of our Summer loitering places directly opposite the Point Pleasant Band Stand is one of the most pleasing of recreation spots. It commands a splendid view of the Harbour entrance, McNab's and George's Islands and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron Club House and fleet of Yachts. The entrance of every Ocean Steamer and Sailing ship, manœuvres of the Yacht Squadron, Military Target practice etc., all of which can be witnessed from here.

Green Market

Not many cities this side of the Continent are so situated as to make the variety of Market and the mode of vending such as we have in Halifax. Our vegetable and market-gardening display through the Summer months is the attraction of a large number of strangers. Located around the outskirts of Halifax for a distance of ten to fifteen miles, are several small Hamlets or Villages, whose inhabitants' principal mode of living is raising material for the Markets. Each are distinctly separate from the other having their own positions in the Market and handling their own wares. They associate only with those from their own villages and are on the whole a very peaceful people there being many Nationalities represented.

Gardens

Halifax boasts of having one of the finest Public Gardens on this side of the Continent. The foliage and flowers have prospered so effectually under the able management of Mr. Power, the superintendent, that it is openly admitted that it surpasses anything of its size in America. The walks, lakes and ponds are beautifully kept and artistically arranged. Its arbors and shaded nooks, dotted with statuary and overhanging trees and beautiful fountains playing, makes the Public Gardens a perfect Paradise for visitors as well as citizens. To add to its attractions the Military Band plays on Saturday afternoons and very often through the Summer the City gives promenade concerts, the gardens being illuminated, when thousands avail themselves of this charming treat.

Harbour and its Defence

Halifax having so many beautiful spots of interest for pleasure seekers in the way of drives, walks, boating, fishing, shooting, Golf Links and Tennis Lawns has a field for almost every recreation. Its Harbour which cannot be surpassed for its size and surroundings adds considerably to the pleasure of tourists who are fond of the water. Excursion Boats make daily trips about the Harbour to point out the many places of interest and the strong fortifications of the Imperial Government, giving an idea of the massive structures of defence which is almost impregnable, making Halifax a perfect Gibraltar for protection. The forts of which there are some ten or twelve around the entrance of the Harbour, are mounted with the latest and heaviest guns and manned by expert Artillerymen whose duty it is to keep constantly practising and improving the situation. Deep-sea fishing is a great feature in our Harbour, and boats, bait, lines and guides can be procured at a moderate rate.

Imperial Properties

Which are largely scattered over Halifax, are made very attractive points of interest by the permanent feature of the Military who drill daily and are continually at work manœuvring. The public have the privilege of visiting many of their fortifications and works. Guides from the guards are provided to accompany them for the purpose of explaining and giving what information they can.

Museum

Our Museum although not so extensive as those of the larger Cities of the United States has among its attractions articles of interest which cannot be seen in the larger Museums; namely, its monument of Gold showing the immense quantities taken from the mines in Nova Scotia each year. Many of the mines are bordering on Halifax City within seven or twelve

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miles. A visit to these mines are well worthy of inspection and very many avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the precious metal taken from the earth, and watching the process of working it. The managers of the Mines are always ready to welcome strangers and make their visit interesting.

Also samples of coal, iron and gypsum can be seen with full particulars as to quantities and locations, etc. Like many museums this is bountifully supplied with rare curios worthy of inspection.



Martello Tower

One of the oldest land marks in Halifax is worthy of a visit. It is situated in the centre of Point Pleasant Park from which is obtained a fine view of the Harbour's defence. This Tower was at one time the strong fortification of Halifax but for many years has been obsolete. The walls are from six to ten feet thick which was considered perfectly safe in ancient warfare but far too primitive for modern.

Parks, Etc.

Among the many and most attractive points in Halifax is Point Pleasant, covering about three hundred acres, with beautiful drives, walks, lakes, brooklets, summer houses and sitting out places. The scenery through it is varied and beautiful. The drives which cover over ten miles cannot be surpassed in variety. Mulgrave and Willow Parks are also very interesting spots commanding beautiful scenery and many points of interest. Our Provincial Exhibition Buildings and Grounds are situated in Willow Park. The Electric Car system links our Parks, Commons and Public Gardens so that visitors can avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting any of them at all hours of the day.

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

Has its Recreation Grounds, Club and Boat Houses on the shore road to Point Pleasant Park. A view from the veranda of the Club House will give a very good idea of the immense size of the Harbour and the Eastern Passage, also how beautifully the Harbour is land locked at the entrance. Strangers are always welcome and entertained at the Club. Great interest is taken by the citizens and others on Saturday afternoons watching from Green Bank and along the shores of the Point Pleasant drives the numerous races of the Squadron which are so closely contested.

Rocking Stone

One of the many curiosities of Halifax which is visited by almost every stranger while in our City is one of those freaks of Nature very seldom seen. The formation is wonderful. Alone in the midst of a thick forest of trees and alongside a beautiful lake stands this immense stone, eleven or twelve feet high, and between forty and fifty feet in circumference, capable of accommodating some fifteen or twenty persons on its top. This stone can be rocked by one person with perfect ease.

CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL.—Garrison Chapel, Brunswick Street; St. Alban's Chapel, Tower Rd; St. Augustine Mission, N.W. Arm; St. George's Church, corner of Brunswick and Cornwallis Sts.; St. John's (Village Ch), Three Mile House.; St. Luke's Church, corner of Morris and Church St.; St. Mark's Church, Russell St.; St. Mathias Church, Windsor St.; St. Paul's Church, Barrington, Argyle and Prince St. fronting on St. Paul's St., opp. the Parade; St. Stephen's (Bishop's Chapel) Robie St.; St. James' Mission, Dutch Village; Trinity Church, Jacob St.; Christ Ch., Dartmouth.

PRESBYTERIAN.—St. Matthew's Church, Pleasant St.; St. Andrew's Church, Tobin St.; St. John's Church, Brunswick St.; Chalmer's Church, Barrington St.; Coburg Road Mission, Coburg Road; Fort Massey Church, Tobin St.; Grove Church, Richmond; North Park St. Church, North Park St.; Bethany Church, head N. W. Arm.; St. James' Church, Dartmouth.

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UNIVERSALIST.—Church of the Redeemer, Brunswick Street.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.—St. Agnes, Dutch Village; St. Mary's Cathedral, Spring Garden Road; St. Joseph's, Gottingen St.; St. Patrick's, Brunswick St.; Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Spring Garden Road.

JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, Starr Street.

BAPTIST.—First Baptist, Spring Garden Road; North Baptist, Gottingen; The Tabernacle, Brunswick St; Cornwallis St., Cornwallis St.; Baptist Mission, Quinpool Road; Dartmouth, Dartmouth.

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